

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital video disc device, comprising:
a rewritable flash memory including program information and an area of prescribed size in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded in advance in at least one prescribed address in an unused specific area of the area of prescribed size; and
means for accessing the information on [[said]] the digital video disc using [[said]] the key data read from [[said]] the at least one prescribed address in [[said]] the flash memory; wherein
~~the at least one prescribed address is stored in at least one location in said unused specific area;~~
~~the at least one location is specific and unmoved after each access by said means for accessing;~~
random data is written in all of the unused area around an area where [[said]] the key data is recorded in [[said]] the specific area of [[said]] the flash memory, and
the key data is configured to be modified by a key data writing equipment, and
the rewritable flash memory is attached to the digital video disc device in a detachable manner.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for~~ digital video disc device according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] the key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the information on [[said]] the digital video disc.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for~~ digital video disc device according to claim 2, wherein [[said]] the key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from [[said]] the digital video disc.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for a~~ digital video disc device according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] the key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from [[said]] the digital video disc.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory ~~of prescribed size~~, comprising the steps of:

writing [[said]] the prescribed information in at least one prescribed address ~~in at least one location~~ in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of [[said]] the flash memory ~~wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved after access of the prescribed information~~; and

writing random data in all of the unused area in [[said]] the unused specific area, around an area where [[said]] the prescribed information is written in [[said]] the step of writing, wherein

the writing is performed by a key data writing equipment,

the rewritable flash memory includes program information,

the prescribed information is written in an area of the rewritable flash memory not containing program information, and

the rewritable flash memory is attached to a digital video device in a detachable manner.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein

[[said]] the memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and

[[said]] the prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein [[said]] the prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory ~~of prescribed size~~, comprising:

means for writing [[said]] the prescribed information in at least one prescribed address ~~in at least one location~~ in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of [[said]] the flash memory ~~wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved after access of the prescribed information~~; and

means for writing random data in all of the unused area in [[said]] the specific area, around an area where [[said]] the prescribed information is written in [[said]] the step of writing, wherein

the writing is configured to be performed by a key data writing equipment,

the rewritable flash memory includes program information,

the prescribed information is written in an area of the rewritable flash memory not containing program information, and

the rewritable flash memory is attached to a digital video device in a detachable manner.